

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1749
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DECLINING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether industrial development rate has declined during the last two years in comparison to the last year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to increase the industrial development rate;
- (d) whether IMF has reported decline in industrial development rate of India; and
- (e) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S Elangovan)

(a): The overall industrial growth rate measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP with base year 1993-94=100) as per the data released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) has improved to 7 per cent in 2003-04 from 5.7 percent in 2002-03 and 2.7 percent in 2001-02. This performance has improved further with the overall industrial growth rate registering 7.9 per cent during the first six months (April-September) of 2004-05 compared to 6.2 percent recorded in the same period of the previous year.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir. As per the latest Public Information Notice (PIN) No. 2003/104 dated August 21, 2003, which summarizes economic development by sector, issued by International Monetary Fund (IMF), no observation/comment reporting decline in industrial development rate of India has been made.

(e): Does not arise.